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- In general, the roads in the area of Lake Kangas (Kangasjärvi, N61-57, E30-19) are in fair condition, gravel-surfaced, and are used by both motor and horse-drawn vehicles. The road from Lake Kangas to Jaakkima (Jaakkima, N62-00, E30-27-25) is gravel-surfaced, as is the one from Vonnisenmyäki (Vannisenmäki, N61-52-30, E30-27) to Kalamo Station (Kaalamo, N61-54-10, E30-29-30). Both of the above-mentioned roads are in good condition and are used extensively. In contrast, the road from Venäoja (Viinaoja, N61-52-20, E30-21-30) to Kalattoma (Kalattama, N61-49-30, E30-10-30) is in poor condition and is not used very frequently. However, horse-drawn vehicles and various types of agricultural machinery do use this road.

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The only road construction in the area was on the road from the Kalamo Station north to Mikkellinkangas (N61-56-30, E30-23-30), which has been extended approximately three kilometers or so northward. It is possible that this road may have been extended all the way to the Lake Kangas-Jaakkima road. The latter road was constructed during World War II. The Mikkellinkangas road is four to five meters wide and it is in good condition. Heavy traffic on this road, both horse-drawn and motor vehicles. Most of the passenger cars observed were 1939-1940 models. On one occasion, four military trucks along this road heading toward the south. Each truck carried approximately 20 soldiers.

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2. [redacted] Most of the telephone lines in the area are about as thick as a lead pencil (about 3 mm) and most have white porcelain insulators. The telephone poles are approximately eight meters high and are not tarred. [redacted] the specific locations of the following three telephone lines: 1) a line runs in a southeast direction along the south side of the Venaoya-Mietttila road, 2) another line runs in approximately a NNE-WSW direction about one kilometer south of the road mentioned above, and 3) a third telephone line runs along the Mikkeliinkangas road. [redacted] the first two lines consisted of six wires and the third of eight wires.

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3. The condition of the farms in the area varied greatly. The farms in and along the border area, for example at Päävärinta (N61-54-40, E30-19), are not occupied and the houses are in a ramshackled condition with windows and doors missing. The farms between Sulkavaara (N61-50-05, E30-22) and Tirivara (Tirivaara, N61-48-25, E30-26-30) and in the area of Kauravaara are also either abandoned or in a state of disrepair. In contrast, the farms lying south of Väärämäki to Lake Tuoks and in the area of Mäntyselkä and Koriseppä are occupied and in good condition. Most of the farms in the area are devoted to growing oats and wheat and fodder for livestock. Hay is cut and dried on the ground in the fields and then stacked in large stacks in the field, many times surrounded by a board fence. Livestock in the area is primarily cattle. There is very little mechanization of agriculture in the area; however, there are tractors and small mowing machines. The area of the Kalamo Station and around Kulyakkokylä are the only places where [redacted] any lumbering activity.

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